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SUBJECT: GOM DEBATING DIPLOMAT RELATIONS WITH NORTH VIETNAM,
KHMER ROUGE, AND LAOS

1. EMBASSY CONTACT REPORTS THAT MEXICAN AMBASSADOR TO PRC,
EUGENIO ANGUIANO ROCH, SAID THAT HE HAS PROPOSED THAT THE
GOM OPEN DISCUSSIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WITH NORTH VIETNAM,
THE KHMER ROUGE (PRESUMABPY GRUNK) AND THE GOVERNMENT OF LAOS
ON ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. AMB. ANGUIANO,
WHO ACCOMPANIED PRC VICE PREMIER CH'EN YUNGLKUEI ON HIS VISIT
TO MEXICO MARCH 27 TO APRIL 5, MENTIONED HIS PROPOSAL DURING

THE COURSE OF A LECTURE AT THE FOREIGN SECRETARIAT'S
SCHOOL OF DIPLOMATIC STUDIES. HIS PROPOSAL WAS CHALLENGED
BY FONSEC OFFICIAL WHO COUNSELED THAT THE GOM SHOULD DEFER
THE MATTER A BIT LONGER.

2. THE EMBASSY HAS LONG BEEN AWARE OF SOME SENTIMENT,
AT LEAST, AMONG HIGH-RANKING FONSEC OFFICIALS, FAVORABLE
TOWARD PRO-SIHANOUK FORCES IN CAMBODIA.

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3. THE PRESIDENT OF THE SUPREME COURT OF NORTH VIETNAM,

PHAM VAN BACH, VISITED MEXICO TO PARTICIPATE IN THE THIRD SESSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY ON THE CRIMES OF THE MILITARY JUNTA IN CHILE (CHILEAN WAR CRIMES TRIAL) HELD IN MEXICO CITY FEBRUARY 18 TO 25(PRESS REPORTS INDICATE THAT HE MET WITH PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA TWICE DURING THAT PERIOD. THESE REPORTS ARE NOT COMPLETELY CLEAR ON WHETHER HE HAD A PRIVATE AUDIENCE WITH THE PRESIDENT, BUT SEEM TO INDICATE THAT HE DID NOT RPT NOT.

4. COMMENT: WE ARE UNABLE TO ESTIMATE WEIGHT AMB ANGUIANO'S RECOMMENDATION MAY CARRY OR STRENGTH OF PRO-HANOI AND PRO-SIHANOUK SENTIMENT IN GOV AT THIS TIME. HOWEVER, IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT INTERNAL GOM DEBATE NOW UNDERWAY ON THIS SUBJECT.

5. WE NOTE THAT ANGUIANO, WHOSE CAREER HAS BEEN METEORIC, MAY HAVE DIRECT ACCESS TO AND INFLUENCE WITH PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA. IN 1970 , ANGUIANO APPARENTLY CAUGHT ECHEVERRIA'S EYE AS A YOUNG OFFICER IN THE PRESIDENCIA (APPARENTLY WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR DOCUMENTATION AND PRESIDENTIAL REPORTS). IN JANUARY 1971 ECHEVERRIA NAMED ANGUIANO, THEN 32, AMBASSADOR TO COSTA RICA, AND IN APRIL 1972 AS MEXICO'S FIRST AMBASSADOR TO THE PRC.
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